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Response and Request for Reconsideration

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on August 28, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, after the title and before the first paragraph, please insert the heading

-- Background --;

On page 1, between the second and third paragraphs, please insert the heading -- Summary --;

On page 4, between the third and fourth paragraphs, before the sentence beginning "Although the invention primarily...", please insert the heading -- Brief Description of the Drawings --;

On page 6, after the figure descriptions, before the sentence beginning "In the plan view of a...", please insert the heading -- Detailed Description --.

On a separate page following the claims, please insert the following abstract:

-- Abstract

An apparatus for administering a substance, including a housing, a piston, a container and a propelling device, the propelling device including a base element, a first shifting stage shiftable relative to the base element, and a second shifting stage shiftable relative to the base element and to the first shifting stage and slaving the first shifting stage, wherein the propelling device, container and piston are operably coupled to the housing and the first shifting stage is in contact with the piston. --